

MEMORANDUM

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TO : General Counsel's Office - 25X1A

FROM : OTR/ERS - E. M. Kirkpatrick
VIA : OCD/LD/State Br.
SUBJECT : External Research Proposal

The purpose of this memorandum is to bring to your attention the attached contract proposal. Circulation of this proposal does not constitute endorsement by the External Research Staff, but is merely an attempt to secure evaluation of the proposal and to assure that any subsequent action will be coordinated among those offices which may have an interest.

As a result of its relations with private scholars, the External Research Staff frequently receives from non-governmental sources outlines of research projects for which government financial assistance is sought. Such assistance is sometimes forthcoming if one or more federal agencies are desirous of financing the work through a contract.

As a first step in such cases it is desirable to have evaluations of the proposed projects from appropriate specialists in government, and also to discover whether the proposed research would duplicate existing projects.

We should appreciate having your views on the attached form, which should be returned within three weeks to the Contract Officer, External Research Staff, Room 601, State Annex 1, Department of State, Washington, D. C. After returns are in, all addresses will be notified by ERS as to the summary evaluation of the proposal.

If sufficient interest is evidenced to warrant a discussion of financial support, ERS will be glad to arrange such discussions (if the Department of State is party to them), or to assist other agencies in making such arrangements.

State Dept., OGC reviews completed